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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3949**
Takaaki MAEKAWA : Docket No. 2002_0279A
Serial No. 10/069,796 : Group Art Unit 1651
Filed May 20, 2002 : Examiner David M. Naff
BACTERIA GROWTH CARRIER : **Mail Stop: Amendment**
INCLUDING TRACE ELEMENT

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 22, 2004, please amend the present application as follows: